

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

It is acknowledged with appreciation that claim 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claims 1 and 12 have been combined.

Claim 11 has been canceled.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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